

## **New edition of *The Satchel – Production Budgeting and Film Management Manual* now available**

**Monday 3 March 2008:** The Australian Film Commission (AFC) has announced the release of a new edition of its production budgeting and film management manual – *The Satchel*.

Housed in a new slim-line case and extensively revised under the guidance of Line Producer Sandra Alexander, *The Satchel* remains the ultimate resource for producers and production managers.

Its detailed step-by-step guide to film budgeting is structured around the AFC's A–Z Feature Film Budget, with contributions from a range of industry professionals including Oscar®-nominated animator Anthony Lucas, Colleen Clarke, Christine King, Brett Thornquest and Mark Turnbull. The comprehensive week-by-week guide to production management covers everything from pre-pre-production to the wrap party, while the chapters on production accounting detail setting up the accounts, as well as daily, weekly and monthly tasks, all the way to the final audit. Examples, forms and templates are referred to throughout, and are available in soft copy on the AFC website.

"*The Satchel* was my most valuable resource when I was working as a filmmaker, so this was a project of particular importance to me," said Lori Flekser, the AFC's Acting Director of Film Development. "I am thrilled to be able to present this updated version and thank the many experienced practitioners who have shared their knowledge and expertise in order to strengthen the skills of all in the industry."

The new edition reflects technological changes including digital intermediate post-production pathways, HD capture, computer-based animation and new rushes screening options, and there are new sections on stock/archival footage, studio hire, and special effects makeup.

Special chapters have also been incorporated covering low-budget filmmaking, digital visual effects, animation, occupational health and safety, foreign cast and crew, and working with children.

*The Satchel* is available for \$130, including GST, postage and handling. Order form available on the AFC website ([www.afc.gov.au/satchel](http://www.afc.gov.au/satchel)), or email [publishing@afc.gov.au](mailto:publishing@afc.gov.au)

A revised version of the A–Z Budget is also being prepared, taking into account the new Producer Offset. It will be available from the AFC website in the next few months.

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